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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 13, 2006. Claims 1 and 4-7 were pending, with claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 were previously canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the application at, for example, page 29, lines 20-22, page 30, lines 15-17, and in Figs. 1, 16 and 17. Support for new claim 10 can be found in the application at, for example, page 20, lines 11-13. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-7 and 10 are now pending, with claims 1 and 7 being in independent form.

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,387,042 to Brown. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious over Brown in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0174231 A1 (Surloff et al.). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious over Brown in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,523,754 to Eisen et al. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious over Brown in view of Surloff in view of Eisen.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 7 are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons. This application relates to improved features of a communication device for use of a one-touch keyboard or numeric keypad. For example, as discussed in this application, a reading unit reads a one-touch-keyboard (or numeric keypad) key-map table corresponding to a user selection from among a plurality of one-touch-keyboard key-map tables, each storing a distinctly separate correspondence relation between key codes and character codes for character arrangement. A recording/outputting unit creates image data to be recorded on a label based on the read one-touch-keyboard key-map table, records an image corresponding to the

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created image data on the label, and outputs the label on which the image is recorded, by using a plotter of the communication device, so that the label is applied to a one-touch dial keyboard portion of the keyboard. Since the label on which the image of the one-touch keyboard is recorded is output by the plotter of the communication device, the user can quickly and smoothly input the literal information on the communication device. Each of independent claims 1 and 7 addresses these features, as well as additional features.

Brown, as understood by Applicant, proposes a multilingual keyboard system wherein the keyboard character layout is selected by a user from among plural keyboard character layouts, the user is provided with a plurality of specifically designed keyboard overlay templates, and the user chooses an appropriate one of the templates to overlay the face of the keyboard.

Brown, Figure 6 and column 10, lines 1-22, 53-68, proposes an alternate keyboard overlay template comprising a single planar structure constructed of a semi-rigid material, such as plastic, and cut to fit the particular shape of the key layout, to facilitate installation and removal.

Brown, column 14, lines 1-25, proposes a futuristic keyboard with built-in flat panel displays (LCD or the like) wherein upon selection of a plurality of available virtual templates, the flat panel displays a corresponding character set, in place of placing any labels on panels.

However, we submit that Brown does not disclose or suggest the above features of the claimed invention of claims 1 and 7, including outputting the label on which the image is recorded, by using a plotter of the communication device, so that the label can be applied readily to a one-touch dial keyboard portion of the keyboard.

Surloff and Eisen were cited only against the dependent claims of the present application, and do not cure the deficiencies of Brown mentioned above.

Surloff, as understood by Applicant, proposes an approach for enabling users of

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computers coupled to the Internet to access e-commerce web sites and purchase goods and services from the web sites, by incorporating the means for such access in a computer keyboard.

Eisen, as understood by Applicant, proposes an approach for automatically reconfiguring a keyboard input device to support the appropriate language when moving from one computer software application to another computer software application on a desktop.

Applicant does not find disclosure or suggestion in the cited art, however, of a communication device comprising a keyboard and means for reading a one-touch-keyboard key-map table corresponding to a user selection from among a plurality of one-touch-keyboard key-map tables each storing a distinctly separate correspondence relation between key codes and character codes for a character arrangement, creating image data to be recorded on a label based on the read one-touch-keyboard key-map table, recording an image corresponding to the created image data on the label, and outputting the label on which the image is recorded, by using a plotter of the communication device, so that the label is applied to a one-touch dial keyboard portion of the keyboard, as provided by the claimed invention of amended claim 1.

Independent claim 7 is patentably distinct from the cited art for at least similar reasons.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 7, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our


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If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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